THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) An assurance was given in December, 1987 by the then Minister of State for Labour that as far as practicable, the employees of the National Council for Safety in Mines, Dhanbad, would be absorbed in the Directorate General of Mines Safety on winding up of the Council. No decision regarding the future of the Council has been taken. The Council is still continuing. So the question of absorption of the employees of the Council elsewhere does not arise.

**Memorandum by casual labourers of Central Rice Research Institute, Bidyadharpur, Cuttack**

3149. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum dated 2nd July 1989 from the Central Rice Research Institute Sramika Sangha, Bidyadharpur, Cuttack (Orissa) signed by all the casual labourers of the Institute; and

(b) if so, what are their demands and details of the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI) : (a) Sir, a representation dated 2-7-89 purported to have been signed by the General Secretary and Members of the so-called CRRI Sramika Sangha has been received by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

(b) There are two demands *viz.* (i) that female casual labourers should be regularised together with male workers at CRRI, Cuttack, and (ii) that wages equivalent to the wages of permanent workers should be paid to all the casual labourers.

So far as the regularisation of female casual labourers is concerned, the Council has instructed Director, CRRI, Cuttack that there should be no discrimination against women labourers. No specific case of violation of these instructions has come to the notice of the Council. So far as the wages are concerned, the Council has adopted the guidelines laid down by Government of India and workers in the Institutes who have been entrusted with the same nature of work as that of a regular employee get the same wages.

**Inclusion of Tribal Communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka**

3150. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations from certain organisations of Tamil Nadu/Karnataka etc. for inclusion of certain tribal communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes whose names are merely synonyms of certain community which are already in the list of Scheduled Tribes ;

(b) whether it is a fact that such requests for inclusion of synonyms does not require clubbing with the general question of revision of SC/ST lists ; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto ; and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since amendment in the existing lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes can be done only through an Act of Parliament in view of the provision made under Article 341(2) and 342 (2) of the Constitution, the inclusion of synonyms/sub-castes/sub-tribes in the list of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, therefore, will have to be clubbed with the comprehensive revision of the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(c) Does not arise.

**Charging of interest of ground rent**

3151. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the rates of ground rent in respect of the lease hold plots in Chittranjan Park have since been charged several times ;

(b) whether the adjusted bill for the charged ground rent in Chittranjan Park have been processed and sent to the plot holders;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Land and Development authority is charging interest on ground rent paid later than the due date but not giving any interest on advance ground rent paid by the plot holders to the Land an Development Office; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take since the lease deed does not authorise the lessor to charge interest on ground rent paid late?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH), (a) The Ground rent which was fixed originally was enhanced but on representation from the lessees, reduced again to the original amount.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Cases pending in Labour and Industrial Courts in the Country**

3152. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of cases pending in the Labour and the Industrial Courts in the Country;

(b) what is the figure of pending cases in the above courts, State-wise till 30th June 1989 ;

(c) what steps Government are taking for speedy disposal of these pending cases ;

(d) how many vacancies of judges exist as at present in the Labour and Industrial Courts throughout the country, State-wise;

(e) whether the Central Government have given directions to the State Governments for filling up of these vacancies ; and

(f) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) to (d) This information is being collected from the State Governments and Union Territories.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.